



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

Founded 1914

Our 100th Anniversary Year!

March 2014 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

April 11: Indianapolis Radio Club History presented by Tom Chance, K9XV.

Highlights from the March Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by club president Dave Spoelstra, N9KT. There were 62 in attendance. There were two new hams present that were presented with 1 complimentary ticket each to the Indy Hamfest, coming up this summer. They also received their first year membership in the club free.

Dave announced that Indiana will be hosting the ARRL W1AW/9 stations in July and December. Mike Kasrich, AJ9C, is co-coordinating scheduling operators for the July operation, and will be announcing a website where those that want to operate can sign up. Bob Burns, W9BU, announced that the hilltop contest will be held on September 27, and rules will be coming up soon. The Indiana QSO Party will be on Saturday, May 3. W9JP (Indianapolis Radio Club) will be a bonus station for this year's INQP. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Club, W9IMS, will operate special event stations for all 4 races coming up at the speedway this year, with the new road race being added.

Tickets for the annual bus trip to Dayton, on May 17, are on sale now. Look for more information in this newsletter. Tom Chance, K9XV, said W9JP was on the air for ARRL DX/CW contest, and came in 10th in the world. Tom needs volunteers for W9JP in the INQP, on May 3. Tom announced that Field Day (June 28 – 29) will be back at Camp Belzer again this year. See Tom or Jim Rinehart, K9RU, to help out with Field Day. It was also announced that plans are in the works to have jackets and other items of clothing with the 100th anniversary logo on them.

Next, Mike Goode, N9NS, gave his presentation on the Dxpedition to Banaba Island, T33A. The cargo container had to be shipped in July in order to get everything to the island for the November Dxpedition. The operating license had to come from the Tarau government. Then the group had to get permission from two Banaba Island Councils before they were cleared to operate there. Each operator kicked in \$4500 personally, and the whole trip cost approximately \$145,000.

After Mike's great presentation, door prizes were drawn, and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Ham Radio News:

IRC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY EVENTS FOR 2014

April 11: 1950 to 1980 History of the Club
May 2: Indiana QSO Party Sponsor. Club station of W9JP/100 will be a bonus station.
May 9: 1980 to 1990 History of the Club
June 13: 1990 to 2000 History, along with annual auction
June 28 – 29: W9JP/100 Field Day at Camp Belzer
July 12: Special Display at Indianapolis Hamfest
July 17 – 19: ARRL 100th anniversary celebration
August 2: W9JP Picnic and Tailgate Hamfest at Camp Belzer
September 12: 2000 to 2014 History of the Club
October 10: 100th Year Dinner with ARRL speaker, W9JP/100 Special Event, and 1914 to 2014 History of the Club presentation.

DAYTON BUS PLANS

Again this year, the Indianapolis Radio Club has made arrangements to have a chartered bus to the Dayton Hamvention. The day trip to Dayton will be on Saturday, May 17. The bus will have two pick up points: 6:30 am at Southern Plaza, and pick up around 7:00 am at Peddler's Mall on the east side. It will leave from Dayton around 4:00 pm. As in the past, there will be a short stop at McDonald's in Richmond on the way to Dayton for breakfast, and a dinner stop at MCL in Richmond on the way back. The cost for the round trip is \$30 per person, and does not include admission to the Hamvention. Tickets for the bus trip will be available at meetings, or by contacting club treasurer Rhonda Curtis, WS9H. The bus will drop off at the front door of Hara Arena, and be parked in close proximity of the facility so items can be stored on the bus for your convenience. Tickets for admission to the Hamvention are available on their website at <http://www.hamvention.org/tickets.php>.

W9JP/100 TO BE BONUS STATION FOR INQP

For the 2014 Indiana QSO Party, there will be a bonus station, W9JP/100. The Indianapolis Radio Club will be operating as W9JP/100 as a special event station in honor of the club's 100 year anniversary.

This detail is noted in the rules for 2014 found here: <http://hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html>

ARRL REQUESTING COMMENTS REGARDING DIGITAL MODES

At the January 2014 ARRL Board of Directors meeting, a resolution was passed which asked for member feedback and input pertaining to the increasing popularity of data modes. The information gathered by this investigation is to be used by the HF Band Planning Committee of the Board as a means to suggest ways to use our spectrum efficiently so that these data modes may "compatibly coexist with each other."

The feedback may include, but is not limited to, the recent proposal the ARRL made to the FCC, RM 11708, regarding the elimination of the symbol rate restrictions currently in effect. A FAQ on RM 11708 can be found on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/rm-11708-faq>.

Comments must be received no later than March 31, 2014 to be included in the Committee's report to the Board at the July 2014 ARRL Board of Directors meeting.

Please e-mail your comments to: HF-Digital-Bandplanning@arrl.org

W1AW 2014 SPRING-SUMMER OPERATING SCHEDULE

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1300 UTC (9 AM ET)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1300 UTC (9 AM ET)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1400 UTC to 1600 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM ET)
1700 UTC to 1945 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM ET)

(Station closed 1600 to 1700 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM ET))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2000 UTC (4 PM ET) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri
2000 " " CWs Tue, Thu
2100 " (5 PM ET) CWb Daily
2200 " (6 PM ET) DIGITAL Daily
2300 " (7 PM ET) CWs Mon, Wed, Fri
2300 " " CWf Tue, Thu
0000 " (8 PM ET) CWb Daily
0100 " (9 PM ET) DIGITAL Daily
0145 " (9:45 PM ET) VOICE Daily
0200 " (10 PM ET) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri
0200 " " CWs Tue, Thu
0300 " (11 PM ET) CWb Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8025 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 147.555
DIGITAL: - 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 147.555
VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

DIGITAL = BAUDOT (45.45 baud), BPSK31 and MFSK16 in a revolving schedule.

The complete W1AW Operating Schedule may be found on page 42 in the January 2014 issue of QST or on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-operating-schedule> .

INTERESTING ARTICLE ON FCC DETECTION OF RFI

Don't think the FCC investigates RFI? Read this article to see.

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB20001424052702304434104579378994224188328>

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Max Goldberg, KD9ADW

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arri.net

Signals from the Past:

From the March, 1965 *Amachewer*:

Launch time for Oscar III, the amateur radio repeater satellite, is getting near, reports Don Miller, W9NTP. He says orbit times will be given on WBRI, 1500 kc., at 4:30 pm daily beginning as soon as possible after the launch date. Orbit information also will be transmitted on 147.3 mc. FM. If you can't get either, call Gil Curtis, WA9GEU, CL 5-6693. The Indianapolis area TV experiment planned for use with Oscar III was described in February, 1965, QST, page 20.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- March 29: Columbus Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Community Building in Columbus, 8:00 am until noon.
- April 12: North Central Indiana Hamfest, Peru, IN. Go to <http://www.nci-hamfest.net/> for more information.
- May 16 – 18: Dayton Hamvention. More information at <http://www.hamvention.org>

2014 Officers:

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